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Acting upon the suggestion of the Soviet Advisory Group*, the Chinese Communist central authorities in July 1950 ordered the various military districts to instruct the Military Control Commissions in Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtao and Hankow to take immediate steps to adopt the following measures for the protection and maintenance of public utilities in case of air raids or other emergencies:

- a. Supply of electric power is to be divided into three separate trunk systems, one for the military, one for the civil administration, and the third for the general public. Separate generating installations will be established for the military and air defense commands.
- b. Telephone trunk systems will be divided in the same manner as the power supply system. Special systems will be installed to connect military organs.
- c. Water mains, sewage and drainage pipes are to be repaired and inspected regularly. In addition, public wells will be built in various districts and will be subject to periodic inspection.

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* [redacted] Comment: The original suggestions for action came from the Soviet advisers on air defense matters in Shanghai. When the Nationalist Government was conducting air raids on Shanghai, the Soviet advisers asked to see the plans of various public utilities. Most of these plans had been destroyed during the Japanese occupation, and those that remained were kept in a very disorganized manner. The suggestions for improvement made by the Soviets were based on experience in city warfare such as the Stalingrad campaign.

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